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FAMOUS RUSSIANS IN TOWN.



M. Kamenoff, a member of the Executive Committee of the Soviets, who is in London. He is travelling to Paris to act as Plenipotentiary to Paris. With him is M. Zalkind (inset), who is to fill a similar role in Switzerland.—(Daily Mirror photographs.)

CAMBRAI BATTLE HEROES



Private Hockler, who alone survived his company after their spirited but fatal defence.



Sergeant Reeves, who led another charge, and received the Military Medal for his bravery.



Private Sparham, awarded the M.M. He was the only stretcher-bearer left of his company.



Private W. C. Irwin, a stretcher-bearer, who rescued wounded under fire, awarded the M.M.



Sergeant Feesey, M.M., the hero who led the "last hope" charge, which consisted of cooks and servants.

No finer epic in the history of British arms exists than that of the great defence at Bournon Wood, where cooks, orderlies and sanitary staff grabbed weapons and ran in to save the line.—(Exclusive to The Daily Mirror.)

SIR ARTHUR APPROVES.



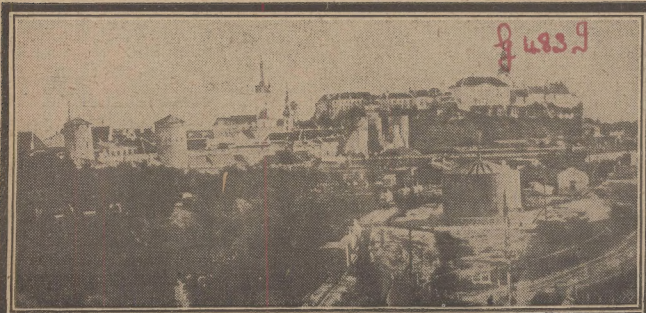
Sir Arthur Yapp, who expressed approval of The Daily Mirror potato scheme at a meeting yesterday. Details will be found on page 2.—(Daily Mirror photograph.)

EIGHT WOUNDS.



Lieutenant-Colonel James Neville Marshall, of the Irish Guards, who is now in England on sick leave, has been wounded eight times. He holds the Military Cross.

REVAL NOW IN THE HANDS OF THE HUNS.



Reval, the great naval base which controls the entrance to the Gulf of Finland, has been captured by the Germans after a battle. A general view of the city.

LADY'S WONDERFUL ACCOMPLISHMENT.



Miss E. M. Sayer, a freeman of the City of London, attends public meetings with a companion who is stone deaf and translates the speeches with her fingers.

FIVE POTATOES THAT MAY WIN \$500.

Chorus of Praise for Our Great Food Competition.

LORD RHONDDA'S SUPPORT

The Daily Mirror's great cash prize scheme (including a first prize of \$500 for the best five potatoes) for amateur potato growers is being received with increasing enthusiasm throughout the whole country.

Already it is clear that not only is it encouraging the hundreds of thousands of existing allotment holders and amateur gardeners to grow more potatoes and add more ground for cultivation, but it is daily adding new enthusiasts to the army of potato growers—a growing army that may very easily save the food situation in this country.

WHAT LORD RHONDDA SAID:

Lord Rhondda, the Food Controller, sent the following message yesterday to The Daily Mirror:—

"Your public-spirited scheme for encouraging the production of potatoes on allotments has my hearty support."

"Twice as much food can be got out of a plot of land planted with potatoes and carefully cultivated as by any other means."

"We cannot have too many potatoes. The State is not going to commandeer any potatoes grown on allotments, but in any district where there is a surplus I shall be prepared to buy on the same terms as the potatoes grown on big farms."

"Allotment holders will I know, do their duty."

"Perhaps I may alter that fabled saying about Waterloo: 'The war is being fought on the potato plots of Great Britain.'"

Yesterday the purpose of The Daily Mirror's prize scheme was officially approved by the Ministry of Food and Home Counties Agriculture. Mr. E. E. Prothero, M.P., the President of the Board of Agriculture, sent this special message to The Daily Mirror:—

"We are all out to win this war. The last sack of potatoes may turn the scale."

"Food is the pivot of all our war activities, and no crop yields such large returns of human food as the potato."

"Wheat stands next to the potato as a food."

\$750 FOR POTATOES.

The Daily Mirror's Prize List for potatoes is as follows:—

First Prize	\$500
Second Prize	\$100
Third Prize	\$50
Fourth Prize	\$25
Fifth Prize	\$10
And Thirteen Prizes of	\$5

Readers should note that The Daily Mirror cannot undertake to enter into any private correspondence about the scheme.

producing crop. Yet 100 acres of potatoes will feed twice as many people as 100 acres of wheat. "There cannot be too many potatoes grown. All that are grown can be profitably consumed either by human beings or by pigs. None need be wasted. The small, the damaged, and the diseased we can eat in the form of pork."

Among further messages received yesterday by The Daily Mirror were the following:—

Mayor of East Ham.—Congratulate you upon your generous consideration. Am sure it will stimulate allotment holders.

Mayor of Marylebone.—Any scheme that will help the cultivation of food, especially potatoes, is to be encouraged.

Sir Arthur Yapp, speaking at a meeting at 13, Russell-square, W.C., yesterday, said:—

"If I may say so, I am extremely interested in the scheme that I see outlined in The Daily Mirror, for a prize of \$500 for the best five potatoes. It is impossible for you to do too much in the way of encouraging the home production of food, particularly potatoes."

WHERE WAS PLAINTIFF?

Curious Incident in Action for Alleged Slander.

A curious incident occurred during yesterday's hearing in the King's Bench Division of the action for alleged libel brought by Dr. Mir An Warrundin, a barrister, in which he claimed £10,000 damages, against the editor of John Bull and the printers and publishers of that paper.

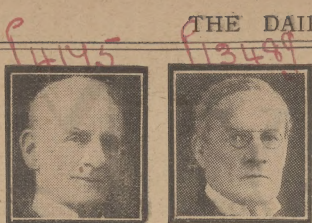
Plaintiff was missing when the Court resumed after luncheon, and though Mr. Justice Darling ordered him to be sought for he could not be found.

Eventually the Judge ordered the case to proceed in his absence, and Mr. Bottomley proceeded to address the jury on the defence.

The jury, without retiring, returned a verdict for defendants.

IRISH CONVENTION AND CABINET.

At the thirty-seventh meeting of the Irish Convention yesterday, Sir H. Plunkett made a report upon the results of the delegation to the Cabinet, and, after discussion, the Convention adjourned until to-day, to afford members an opportunity of considering the report.



Mr. Prothero.

Lord Rhondda.

NEW FOOD CARDS.

How Commercial Travellers and Others Will Get Meals.

MAUVE FOR "MOVERS."

Special ration cards have been issued by the Ministry of Food for persons whose business requires them to move from place to place and who, consequently, are unable to obtain meat and butter supplies from any particular shops. These will meet the cases of commercial travellers, theatrical and variety artists on tour, canal boatmen and workers moving from place to place.

The meat card has a mauve-colored background, that for margarine a green background. How We Feed Our Prisoners.—It is announced that the daily ration for prisoners of war in Great Britain included bread 5oz., biscuits 4oz., meat 4oz., on five days a week, herring 12oz. on two days a week, tea or coffee 1oz., sugar 1oz., jam 1oz., potatoes 20oz., vegetables or fruit 4oz., salt 1oz., oatmeal 2oz. weekly.

M.P.s on Rations.—The Kitchen Committee of the House of Commons yesterday adopted the new scheme of rationing, and have made arrangements whereby members of Parliament who live outside the London and Home Counties can obtain emergency cards enabling them to procure food while they are in London.

Ban on Malt.—The manufacture, sale, purchase or delivery of any malt, or malt extract, is prohibited (except under licence) after March 1.

MATE'S CORDITE DASH.

The King Decorates Hero Who Saved Ship and Crew.

The King yesterday visited Harwich and inspected the depot, ships, minelayers, drifters and a large number of auxiliary vessels.

An investiture was held and the D.S.O. was bestowed upon Captain R. A. Hornell, R.N., and the D.S.C. upon Lieutenant A. R. Thomson, R.N. Acting Mate A. W. Newman, R.N., received the Albert Medal for gallantry when a fire was reported in the magazine of one of his Majesty's ships. Newman, the King was informed, immediately ran into the magazine and, finding a canister of cordite from which smoke was issuing, opened it and passed the cartridges on deck. His gallant conduct prevented the blowing up of the ship and the loss of many lives.

Decorations were bestowed upon a number of officers and men of the R.N.A.S. and the R.F.C.

THRILLING SEA RESCUE.

Waves Break Over Florizel While 44 Persons Are Taken Off.

Despite very heavy seas, the forty-four survivors of the liner Florizel, which was wrecked off St. John's, Newfoundland, were rescued, says a Reuter St. John's, Newfoundland, message.

Only two of the twelve women on board and none of the four children have been rescued. The death roll is estimated at ninety-two. The Florizel was impaled on a rock surrounded by half-submerged ledges at about 900ft. from the shore, and huge waves broke continually over her decks.

Notwithstanding the swirling breakers, three surf boats, manned by intrepid Newfoundlanders who had volunteered for the work, shot through the breakers, finally working their way round to the lee of the Florizel, where they took off the survivors.

SHOWED MEMORIAL CARD.

How Sergeant "Proved" Wife's Death to Second "Wife."

At the Old Bailey yesterday, William Collins, a sergeant in the Essex Regiment, was bound over for bigamy. In order to convict her that his first wife was dead he showed her a memorial card. They were married, but prisoner often visited his real wife.

ROYAL VISIT TO GARDEN SUBURB.

The Queen and the Prince of Wales paid a visit to Hampton Court, Garden Suburb yesterday morning, under the guidance of Mrs. Barnett, the hon. manager of the estate, and Lord Lytton, the president.

"PIPS," THE WAITER.

Rides in a Motor-Car That Led to a Divorce Suit.

DECREE NISI FOR OFFICER.

A strange story was told in the Divorce Court yesterday, when Lieutenant Reginald Stewart Kemp-Scriven, A.S.C., was granted a decree nisi on the ground of his wife's misconduct with the co-respondent, Henry Atkinson.

Sir E. Marshall Hall, K.C., said his client was formerly an East India merchant. One day he was in his office and saw his wife and a lady who apparently had been taken suddenly ill and drove her to her home.

This lady described herself as being Miss George-Andrews, sister of Dr. James George-Andrews.

Petitioner became very much enamoured of her, married her on October 2, 1913.

Later her story was found to be untrue, and she admitted that she was the daughter of a Birmingham gun finisher named Hales and had at times taken morphine and other drugs.

Petitioner, however, was very much in love with her, and when he joined up in July, 1916, he left her an allowance.

On August 18, 1916, he left England, coming home for a week on leave in January, 1917. In August, 1917, respondent gave birth to a child of which petitioner was not the father.

Subsequent inquiries showed that respondent used to go and fetch co-respondent, who was a waiter, known as "Pips," at a London restaurant, home to her house in her husband's motor-car, and he (co-respondent) used to stay there.

IMPERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS.

Wonderful Pictures That Show the Armies' Work and Play.

The preparations for the remarkable exhibition of war photographs to be opened at the Grafton Galleries are practically completed. The exhibition is of photographs in colour, and has been organised under the auspices of the Ministry of Information.

It provides a record of the British effort in the world war on all fronts, and the photographs have been chosen to illustrate every phase of warfare.

The British march through the blinding sands of an Egyptian desert is generally agreed by photographic experts to be one of the most striking examples of photographic art ever exhibited.

Details of the official opening on Monday will be announced later.

"I COME AS A FRIEND."

Prince of Wales' Words to Children of His Comrades in Arms.

The Prince of Wales visited Bethnal Green Public Baths yesterday for an entertainment organised by the Kitchener League for some 2,200 children of local men on active service.

"I know what your fathers and brothers are doing at the front, and I may even have seen and spoken to some of them," said the Prince. "The privilege of serving your king and country in this greatest hour of trial."

"It is this bond between us all which makes me feel that I do not come here as a stranger amongst your children, but rather as a friend. (Applause.)"

SHIPPING OUTPUT DOWN.

"Half of What Was Expected," Says Mr. Barnes.

"Last month, instead of a certain output in respect of ships, we had less than half of what we expected, and this month the position would be no better."

This statement was made in the Commons last night by Mr. Barnes, the Labour member of the War Cabinet.

America, went on Mr. Barnes, was failing us as far as shipbuilding was concerned, and this matter required very serious attention.

The output of the war was dependent on the output of ships, and we should have to turn them out in larger numbers than we had been doing if we were to come satisfactorily through the troubles of the next few months.

"Let the workers," exclaimed Mr. Barnes, "put their backs into it. It is the least they can do if they are to do their duty to the men who are fighting for us and I who are not getting 25, 25 and 25 a week for doing it."

TESTING WAR MODELS.

Sir R. Glazebrook, director of the National Physical Laboratory, speaking at the Royal Institution yesterday, said that in their 200ft. long tank they had at one time forty to fifty models of warships, destroyers and great merchant ships, and by experiments they were enabled to show how the requisite horse-power could be secured at a saving of 10 per cent. and in some cases 15 per cent. of fuel.

There was a special department for ascertaining the effect of wind on aeroplanes. Models were placed in a wind and air forced in up to sixty miles an hour.

"A RUGGED PATH BUT NO REAL DANGER."

Mr. Bonar Law's Great Appeal to the Country.

"SAVE AND LEND."

"We have a rugged path before us, but I do not think there is any real danger."

Thus said Mr. Bonar Law, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in a speech yesterday at a "send-off" luncheon to the Business Men's War Bond week.

The leading points in his speech were:—

"The war obviously was not going to end soon."

"People had not realised how important to national strength was individual saving."

"National War Bonds were in the course of success."

"Business Week had been adopted with the intention of making this method of getting money a success for a definite period."

"Each part of the country would be asked to furnish enough money to buy one of the great instruments of war in proportion to its population."

"Bank deposits were very high. Depositors should look at their accounts and see if they could take a great deal from them and lend the money to the State."

"The result would depend not on what was done by our fighting force and our Allies than by what was done by the confidence of the people."

"If there is any danger it is at home that the danger is. But I do not think that there is any danger. There is no ground for discouragement or faint-heartedness."

"So long as a line of the French and British stand between the Germans and the coast, they are not able to attain the objects which they have set out to reach."

THE LESSON FROM RUSSIA.

"They are making a great concentration. Nobody knows what the future may have in store, but I know this, that the confidence which I feel that they cannot break our lines is felt with equal strength by our soldiers."

"What is happening in Russia is not without its value. It is holding up in a flaring way a lesson which is sinking into the hearts of our people."

"Germany can only be prevented from carrying out her aims of conquest in one way—by beating her."

"If it were possible to have an election in this country on this plain issue: 'Will we go on with the war until we have secured the result for which we entered it, and that is the only result which will astonish us and our enemies.'"

"Any Government which continues this war for an hour longer than it is necessary will commit a terrible crime. But there is one crime which will be greater still, and that is the crime, from faint-heartedness or cowardice, of giving way until the results which we have set out to achieve have been attained."

Lord Northcliffe, who presided, said that the Aldwych Club had undertaken, with the assistance of Sir R. Kindersley and his allies, to set to work to raise 100 millions during Business Week.

£2,000,000 from One Man.—A well-known shipping firm, who were in the front line for the present, started the Liverpool Business Men's War Bond Week with a subscription of £2,000,000.

Egbert's Task.—The tank which will take up the station in Trafalgar-square next Monday, Egbert, which up to date has collected £5,653,260.

NEWS ITEMS.

New C.I.D. Chief.—Superintendent Thomas, Criminal Records Office, of Scotland Yard, has been appointed Superintendent of the Criminal Investigation Department.

Viscount Northcliffe.—In the House of Lords yesterday Viscount Northcliffe, introduced by Lord Milner and Viscount Knutsford, took the oath and subscribed the roll on his elevation to the viscounty.

Schoolgirl's Well-Won Medal.—The Grimsby Education Committee yesterday presented a silver medal to Violet Cunningham for making perfect attendance at school for nine consecutive years.

Spanish Steamer Sunk.—The crew of the Spanish steamer Neguri have been landed on Ferro Island (Canary Islands), the ship having been sunk by a submarine while bound from New York for Mexico, says Reuter.

Lieutenant Aughuet Wins.—Lieutenant Aughuet, a Belgian cavalry officer, won his appeal yesterday against sentence of five months in the second division for maliciously wounding Private de Dreyer at India House, Kingsway.

WINDSOR RACING PROSPECTS.

Good sport is promised at Windsor, which meeting opens this afternoon. Class is well represented and several "War National" horses have been sent. Mr. Duff has been struck out of the Staines Chase, but if Top Hole and Captain Dreyfus renew antagonism the event will be very interesting. My money is on Captain Dreyfus.

12.40.—CROSTREE. 2.25.—HARBOUR SELECTED. 1.5.—NEWBYS. 2.35.—FIFTY-FIVE. 1.35.—TOP HOLE. 2.35.—BURNLEY.

DOUBLE EVENT FOR TO-DAY. TOP HOLE AND "BERNARD." BOUVIERE.

At New Orleans, on Monday night, Fred Fulton beat Frank Moran in three rounds.

Private Dick Howman, A.S.C., has long been regarded as a possible fly-weight champion boxer. According to the Central News, he is now to have a chance of proving himself, a match having been made with the famous Jimmy Smith, for £100 and £500, to take place at the National Sporting Club in May.

PERL OF PETROGRAD—SWIFT DRIVE OF THE HUNS

Midnight Siren Alarm in Capital—Red Guards Retake Pskoff?

SEA RAIDER WOLF'S PRIZE RUNS ASHORE.

Count Hertling Says the Allies Have "Aims of Conquest"—Turks Back Again in Trebizond.

Petrograd's Last Hours?—The tocsin to dig trenches was sounded by siren in Petrograd at midnight. According to one message the Hun is eight hours from the Russian capital. Reval and Pskoff have fallen, though unofficial messages suggest that the Red Guards have retaken Pskoff. It is clear that the Russians are showing resistance, for the Germans report fighting.

Wolf's Cub Taken.—One of the captures of the German sea raider Wolf—the Spanish steamer Igotz Mendi—has stranded on the North Jutland coast.

SHIP THAT WAS FORCED CURIOUS HUN STATEMENT TO HELP GERMAN RAIDER. ABOUT POISON GAS.

"Missing" Vessel Runs Ashore with Men from Sunken Ships.

DISGUISED "WOLF."

COPENHAGEN, Monday (received yesterday).—The Spanish steamer Igotz Mendi (4,648 tons, of Bilbao, stranded this evening just east of the Skagen Lighthouse, on the north Jutland coast. It will probably be very difficult to refloat her. Thirty-two of her passengers have been landed by the Skagen lifeboat.

She has been on the seas for nine months, the passengers having been forced to stay on board the whole time.

Her second officer came ashore and was immediately interned, despite his strong protests. The German prize crew refuse to leave the vessel, and the ship's own crew of forty Spaniards are also staying on board.—Central News.

The Igotz Mendi was one of the vessels mentioned in the Admiralty communiqué published yesterday as having been posted as missing in connection with the cruise of the Wolf.—Reuter.

COPENHAGEN, Monday (received yesterday).—Among the rescued passengers from the Igotz Mendi are nine women and two children. They stated that for the last four or five weeks they had had very bad fare.—Reuter.

HOW THE WOLF WORKED.

COPENHAGEN, Tuesday.—The rescued seamen, with whom I have had a number of interesting conversations, state that the Igotz Mendi was captured nine months ago in the Gulf of India by the Wolf and a German prize crew placed on board.

Since then the Spanish steamer has followed the Wolf. The English and American seamen, who belonged to the crew of the Igotz Mendi, informed me that the steamer was captured on May 21 last year, when en route to Australia with 7,000 tons of coal.

About midway, when in the Gulf of India, a 6,000-ton black merchantman appeared on the horizon steaming slowly. Suddenly the steamer detected the Spanish ship and steamed at full speed towards her. One of the ship's sides was removed, displaying a number of cannon. Several shots were fired at the Igotz Mendi, which was forced to stop, and it was then discovered that the black merchantman was the German raider Wolf. The German flag was hoisted and a prize crew sent on board the Igotz Mendi. The next victim was the British steamer Matunga, which had a valuable cargo on board. The British sailors were taken on board the Wolf, and evidently treated well.

A MISSION THAT FAILED.

All three ships proceeded to a desert Dutch island, where part of the Matunga's cargo was stored, the Wolf taking on board the most valuable part.

The Matunga was thereupon sunk by a bomb. The next victim was the Japanese passenger steamer, Takis Maru, a 6,000-ton vessel full of Asiatics. The Wolf being overcrowded, a number of the prisoners were transferred to the Igotz Mendi.

A prize crew was also placed on board the Takis Maru and ordered to capture a coal steamer. This, however, they were unable to do, and the Takis Maru had to return to the "parent" ship, and was, thereupon, sunk.

The Wolf was now near the coast of Australia and the captain decided to return to Germany. The voyage homewards commenced four months ago, and the route taken was by the South Coast of Africa.—Exchange.

TURKS IN TREBIZOND.

AMSTERDAM, Tuesday.—A Constantinople communiqué says Turkish troops entered Trebizond and Manakatum, the greater part of which was on fire.—Central News.

"We Wait Further Development with Good Conscience."

AMSTERDAM, Tuesday (received yesterday).—A semi-official statement published in yesterday morning's Berlin newspapers, referring to an appeal of the International Committee of the Red Cross against the use of poison gas, says:—

"The appeal of the Geneva Red Cross may be inspired by goodwill, but it does not take the facts of the case into consideration. Of course, it is reprehensible to employ any weapon which causes unnecessary suffering, but poison gas does not do this."

"It has rather become a weapon which, like all others, tries to put the enemy out of action, and in this respect is no more cruel than those hitherto employed."

"Practical experience shows that both parties believe themselves to be in possession of a powerful weapon in gas, and only that party which feels itself to be inferior in its employment will readily decide to abandon it for the weaker party. Therefore this propaganda against the use of stupefying gas will be a welcome means of attempting to strike an effective weapon out of the stronger party's hand."

"It is asserted that Entente military circles are sympathetically disposed towards this appeal. Ought not that to be a sufficient indication of the superior effect of our gases?"

"No sensible person will believe that the Entente would decide to abolish gas fighting out of motives of humanity."

"We Germans are prepared to welcome all attempts to assist the victory of international law and humanity, and we await the further development of this question with complete equanimity and a good conscience."—Reuter.

THRILLING RESCUE OF THE FLORIZEL'S SURVIVORS.

Forty-four Persons Taken Off Doomed Ship.

Despite very heavy seas, the forty-four survivors of the liner Florizel, which was wrecked off Cape Race, have been rescued, says a Reuter St. John's, Newfoundland, message, received yesterday.

Waves broke over the doomed ship, but the rescue boats succeeded in their work. Seventeen of the rescued are passengers.

Only two of the twelve women on board and none of the four children have been rescued. The latest estimates place the number of persons on board at 138, thus making the death roll ninety-two.

The work of rescue was performed with the greatest gallantry. The Florizel was impaled on a rock surrounded by half-submerged ledges at about 900 ft. from the shore.

Notwithstanding the swirling breakers, three surf boats, manned by intrepid Newfoundlanders who had volunteered for the work, shot through the breakers, finally working their way round to the lee of the Florizel, where they took off forty-two men and two women, all of whom were found huddled together in the forecastle and in the forward rigging.

The crowded boats skillfully worked their way out to sea, where they joined the waiting steamers, on board of which the exhausted survivors were placed without any loss or a single mishap.

After making sure that no survivors were left on board the Florizel the fleet then headed for St. John's.

When the Florizel settled these still on board made their way to the forecastle, which was kept from being submerged by the rocks on which the vessel had struck.



The Germans claim the capture of Pskoff.

HERTLING STILL BEATING HUNS' BIG WAR DRUM.

'Allies Will Not Listen to Reason'—Russia's Future.

"A FATEFUL DECISION."

Count Hertling in his Reichstag speech professes friendship for neutrals, and declares that the Allies are pursuing the war for just of conquest! Among his points are:—

Belgium.—Germany must be safeguarded from Belgium becoming a jumping-off point for enemy machinations.

Rumania.—Peace to be negotiated. Our warfare, even where it must be aggressive in action, is defensive in aim.

Poland.—Vague talk of self-government.

Alsace-Lorraine.—There is no international question of Alsace-Lorraine.

Further points in his speech in the Reichstag are:—

Ukraine.—Friendly settlement.

Our warfare, even where it must be aggressive in action, is defensive in aim.

I lay special stress upon that just now in order to permit no misunderstandings to arise about our operations in the East.

Their sole aim was to secure the fruits of our peace with the Ukraine, and we do not intend to establish ourselves in, for example, Esthonia or Livonia.

In Courland and Lithuania our chief point is to create organs of self-determination and self-administration.

Yesterday news had been received that the Petrograd Government had accepted our conditions of peace, and had sent its representatives to Brest-Litovsk for further negotiations.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH RUMANIA.

The peace negotiations with Rumania began yesterday in Bukarest. In regard to Rumania, too, the guiding principle will be that we must and that we desire to convert into friends in the future the States with which, on the basis of the success of our arms, we are now concluding peace.

As regards Poland, that country, as we know, was freed by Germany and Austria-Hungary from its oppressive dependence with the intention of calling an independent State into existence.

England, France and Italy they appear wholly disinclined to lend an ear to the voice of reason and humanity. From the first the Entente has pursued aims of conquest and fought for the return of Alsace-Lorraine to France.

I have nothing to add to what I have already said on this subject. There is no Alsace-Lorraine question in an international sense.

The Entente is fighting for the acquisition of portions of Austro-Hungarian territory by Italy, and for the severance of Palestine, Syria and Arabia from the Turkish Empire.

England hopes by the creation of a dependent protectorate to annex new portions of territory to the British Empire, and to increase and round off the enormous English possessions, especially in Africa.

In face of this policy the Entente statesmen still dare to represent Germany as the disturber of peace, who, in the interests of world-peace, must be confined within the narrowest bounds, if not destroyed.

The world now stands before a fateful decision. Either we will let the world evolve to make peace—they know on what conditions we were ready to enter negotiations—or they will further continue the criminal madness of a war of conquest.

RAIDERS DRIVEN OFF.

BRITISH OFFICIAL.

General Headquarters, Tuesday. A M.—A hostile attempt during the night to raid one of our saps south of the Arras-Cambrai road was driven off by rifle fire.

FRENCH OFFICIAL.

Afternoon.—There is nothing to report except in the region of Beaumont, on the right bank of the Meuse, where the artillery fighting was fairly lively towards the end of the night.—Reuter.

The Italian communiqué reports enemy troops on the march being caught by Italian gunfire and compelled to disband.

HOW FOE TOOK "THE FORTRESS OF REVAL."

"Prisoners and Booty Cannot Be Estimated."

TROTSKY RETIRING.

GERMAN OFFICIAL.

Army Group Eichhorn.—Yesterday morning, four days after the crossing of the Moon Sound, the troops who had marched on Reval, with cyclist, cavalry and machine gun sharpshooters at their head, under the command of Lieutenant-General Freiherr von Seckendorff, took the fortress after a battle.

In Livonia flags were hung out. In many towns when we marched in a great many of the inhabitants who had been arrested by the Russians were set free.

South of Pleskau (Pskoff) our regiments met with stubborn resistance. They defeated the enemy in a violent battle. The town was captured.

Army Group, Linsingen, near Kolenkowitz.—Enemy forces threw themselves against detachments which were pressing forward into Usteria along the Pripet. The enemy was thrown back by a smartly carried out attack and the town and railway station were taken by storm.

Within a few days the troops of the Linsingen Army Group have covered more than 300 kilometres on foot, by rail and in motor-cars under conditions of great strain and hardship.

WHY PSKOFF WAS TAKEN.

In co-operation with Ukrainian troops they have freed a great part of the country of looking-rungs. The Ukrainian Government has restored quiet and order in the regions which have been cleared of the enemy.

The following prisoners have recently been brought in on the eastern front. Three divisional staff officers, 180 officers, 3,676 men. The number of prisoners and the booty taken at Reval and Ps-off cannot yet be estimated.

PETROGRAD, Monday (received yesterday).—It is reported that Pskoff has been recaptured, and street fighting is still going on.

The Red Guards are resisting everywhere. In the neighbourhood of Pskoff are concentrated supplies of ammunition to the value of over 400 millions. This, it is believed, is why the Germans are moving with such haste.

The German detachments that first occupied Pskoff were very small, but the enemy is now drawing big forces towards the town.

PETROGRAD, Monday (received yesterday).—The small German detachments that have captured Pskoff are reported to be advancing on Petrograd. They are reported only eight hours' journey away.

Several workmen echelons have been sent off to meet the enemy. The city is in a high state of nervous tension.

Workmen detachments were sent to blow up the railway connecting Petrograd with Pskoff.

The British and American Embassies are leaving the city.—Exchange.

A Reuter telegram says that the Soviet Committee of the Revolutionary War has posted up placards in Petrograd announcing that:—

"The White Guard bands of Hoffmann and William are advancing quickly by rail, and have occupied Pskoff, which is eight hours distance from the capital."

BOLSHEVIST "CALL TO ARMS."

Meanwhile the Bolsheviks are still waging war by proclamation.

The following official proclamation (says Reuter's correspondent) was posted in the streets of Petrograd on Monday.

The Central Executive Committee of the Soviets has accepted the peace conditions imposed by the Austro-German Governments. . . . The Imperialist assassins are, nevertheless, continuing their monstrous advance into the interior of Russia.

"The damned minions of William and the German Kaledins, together with the White Guards, are advancing against us, plotting the Soviet revolution, robbing the power of the landlords, bankers and capitalists, and preparing for the restoration of the monarchy."

The revolution is in peril. A mortal blow will be struck against Red Petrograd. If you all—workers, soldiers and peasants—wish to retain power and the power of the Soviets, you must fight these hordes, who are now seeking to devour you, to the last gasp.

PETROGRAD, Tuesday.—The meeting of the Central Executive, which was fixed for last night to decide upon the evacuation of Petrograd, has been postponed owing to the growing disagreement of the Council Communists.

In Bolshevik circles it is considered that Trotsky's retirement has already been decided upon, and he is already spoken of as "the late Minister."—Exchange.

PETROGRAD, Monday (received yesterday).—The blast of sirens woke up sleeping Petrograd last night. Only this morning did the majority of the inhabitants know what it signified. The Germans had entered Pskoff, and the sirens were a summons to come out with picks and shovels and dig trenches for the defence of the capital.—Reuter.

PEOPLE—

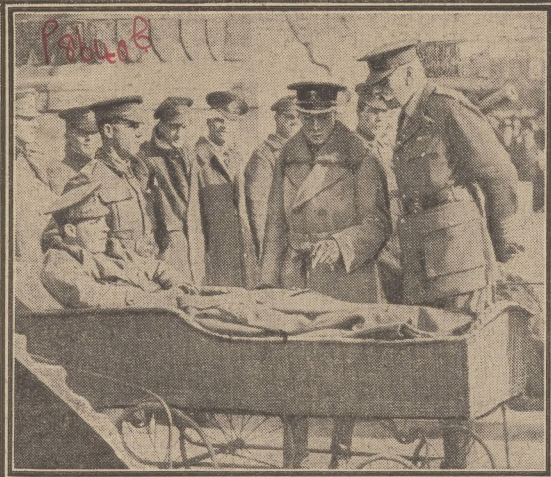


DECORATED.—Mrs. Jordan, who has been working at a Birmingham military hospital, has received the Royal Red Cross.



BRAVERY.—Miss Mary Adams, Hebburn-on-Tyne, awarded the Medal of the B.E.O. for bravery in life saving.

THE PRINCE AT PLYMOUTH.



The Prince of Wales received a truly royal welcome in his own Cornwall Duchy. In the above photograph he is seen chatting to some wounded soldiers under the shadow of the Armada Memorial in Plymouth.

WHO—



MENTIONED.—Miss M. Bruce, who has been "mentioned" in a dispatch for her admirable services as a nurse.



TO WED.—Miss Phyllis Laura Cunliffe Gilbrand, whose engagement to Capt. Frank John Adamson is announced.

"THE TIGER" AND



Watching a fight between two aeroplanes.

M. Clémenceau, the French Premier, is "all out" to know "the why and the wherefore" of any German offensive. The "Tiger" is full of fight and taken a few.

SPANISH DANCER.



A new photograph of Tortola Valencia, the famous Spanish dancer.

ROUGH ON RATS.



A useful mascot of the York and Lancaster Regiment in the trenches. The cat has caught twenty rats in an hour.

A PRACTICAL ALLIANCE.



Mrs. C. Yada, wife of the Japanese Consul-General in New York, working a sewing machine for Red Cross.

BIRDS OF THE AIR TH



Officer writing a message. Note the small c.

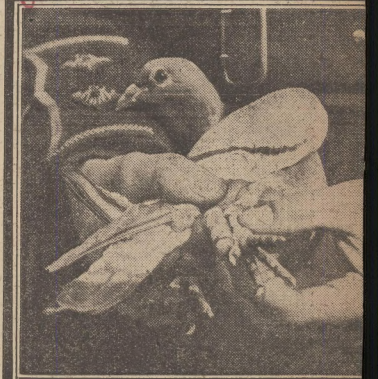
THE LARGEST PHOTOGRAPH IN THE WORLD.



The most wonderful exhibition of coloured photography ever seen has been organised under the auspices of the Ministry of Information, and will be opened on March 4. It will contain the largest photograph in the world, which can be seen in the above picture.



OFFICER'S WIFE.—Lady Chetwode, the wife of General Sir Philip Chetwode, who was in the recent Palestine operations, and her little daughter Penelope.



Clipping a message to the leg of a carrier.

One of the most useful departments of military service for Government service in carrying valuable

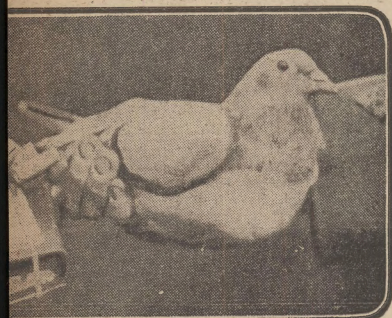
TROOPS IN FRANCE



Greeting the soldiers with a wave of the hat.

He is in constant touch with the Army, and wants which are being made against the greatly advertised ensely popular with the men. The photographs were at the front.

ON BRITAIN'S ERRANDS.



placed in, in comparison to the size of the bird.



A dispatch rider taking some pigeons to the trenches.

present time consists of the training and using of both at home and at the front. The pigeons make in bearers.

ARE IN



PROMOTION.—Lieut.-Col. H. Luhn, C.M.G., of Tyne-side, who now commands the Battalion which he joined as a private.



ESTATE FOR SALE.—The Earl of Shrewsbury, K.C.V.O., who is offering his Alton estates in Staffordshire for sale.

A WAY TO GET POTATOES.



Suitable farm work for German prisoners of war would be the cultivation of potatoes. In the above photograph a German prisoner of war feeds a chaff cutter on a south country farm.

NEWS.



MARRIAGE.—Mrs. E. V. Noel (formerly Miss Evelyn Coates), the wife of Captain E. V. Noel, who was recently married.



TANK HERO.—Lieut. P. N. Dinney, awarded the M.C. for tank work at a Buckingham Palace Investiture.

"KULTUR'S" TRIUMPH AT CANOVA'S BIRTHPLACE.



The German air raiders have directed their attention to Possagno, the Italian village where the famous sculptor Canova was born. The photograph shows some Canova casts in the sculptor's birthplace, which have been damaged by the bombardment.

ALLIED MONARCHS AT THE ITALIAN FRONT.



The King and Queen of the Belgians, with the King and Queen of Italy, witness a review of troops at the Italian front.—(Italian official photograph.)

GOAT UNDER FIRE.



"Nancy," the mascot of the South Africans, has been in many actions and has had one of her horns twisted; the result of a shell.



WAR WORKER.—A new portrait of Lady Stanley, wife of the President of the Board of Trade, who will be in charge of the Selfridge depot on Welsh Flag Day.

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TALK AND TAKE.

WE have repeatedly pointed out that Prussia talks and acts at the same time; while there is a too common belief amongst the Allies that talk and action are incompatible.

They are not so at all. Count Hertling has just proved it again. He has made another speech. At the same moment, Prussia is acting. She is taking everything she can lay hands upon. And Count Hertling is appointed to explain away these actions, which are completely at variance with the words he uses for neutral and home consumption.

We have read Count Hertling's speech very carefully in the rather fuller reports received in London yesterday; and we are unable to see any meaning in it.

Take the typical point.

Count Hertling doesn't intend or want to occupy conquered Russian territory. Good—in words.

Meanwhile, Prussia does occupy it. Bad—in deeds.

The and the recently published treaty, which the Bolsheviks have had forced down their throats, says that Germany and Austria-Hungary "have the intention to define the further fate of these regions in agreement with their populations."

That is comic!

Count Hertling may have a sense of humour. Let us imagine what he would think if we, in possession of German territory—even of Alsace-Lorraine—said that we had no intention of staying there, but intended to define its further fate in agreement with its population. Some of us have said that indeed!—and Count Hertling simply won't consider it.

But there is more.

There is the old dangerous verbally-meaningless but in fact significant assertion that, as regards the East, Germany merely claims a rectification of her side of the frontier, "absolutely necessary through military reasons."

Exactly the excuse, the excuse given for the theft of Alsace-Lorraine. Precisely the sophistry employed to justify any annexation. Defensive annexations! "I stole his watch because I could see he was going to pinch my tie-pin." It is incredible.

It is incredible that any man should content himself, and think to content his public, with such word-battling; save on the supposition that the Count is obliged to recognise that his own people need an antidote to the militarist roar. He is told to supply the antidote. "You talk, while we take!" That gains time. Time may mean food. With food the Germans will go on. It is possible. We find it difficult anyhow to read anything else favourable into Count Hertling's speech; except the conciliatory reference to Belgium; and, having conquered Russia, Germany perhaps feels disposed to say that she will give up Belgium.

Are the Germans satisfied with Count Hertling if we are not?

We cannot tell; but we long to address them face to face and to say: "Your rulers steal, murder, burn, make havoc on sea and land, boast of their conquests, claim that war is a noble thing. Now they enslave Russia, too. Do you agree? Do you assent? If not find a spokesman, a voice—another spokesman than Hertling, another voice than the Prussian. We would listen to you when we cannot listen to that and to him!"

W. M.

IN MY GARDEN.

FEB. 26.—Thousands of amateur gardeners and allotment holders will be striving to win *The Daily Mirror* potato prizes this season, so I propose to give frequent hints on the cultivation of this indispensable vegetable.

During the next few weeks the ground must be prepared by deep digging. Unless it has been recently stirred to a depth of two feet the work should be undertaken without delay, especially if the ground is of a heavy nature.

Poor soil must be given a moderate dressing of decayed manure as the work proceeds. Leave the surface in a rough condition for the present.

E. F. T.



New portrait of Lady Galloway, who runs her own hospital at York, and was recently mentioned.



Miss Kitty Colyer, the revue actress, now playing in 'Vanity Fair' on tour.

M.R.

The Duchess and the Suffragette—Prince Albert at the Theatre.

MY READERS, at least, will have been prepared for yesterday's announcement that Sir George Cave would not be the new Master of the Rolls. Many London papers have said he would be; this paper did not. I have before told you that Sir George is by far more

TO-DAY'S GOSSIP

News and Views About Men, Women, and Affairs in General

Premier's Wife Back.—Mrs. Lloyd George is back in London, I see. She has been at Criccieth since Christmas, helping her daughter-in-law, wife of Major Richard Lloyd George, towards convalescence.

No More Surgeon-Generals.—By a Royal Warrant recognition is made of the inestimable services rendered by the R.A.M.C. I notice that the surgeon-general will in future, according to circumstances, be called lieutenant-general or major-general.

Headgear.—A dress rehearsal of the St. John Ambulance women for air raid work attracted a crowd outside Devonshire House yesterday. I heard two Wren officers in tri-corne hats speak covetously of the St. John girls' steel helmets. Truly feminine that!

Raid Workers.—Lady Falkland, a "Lady of Grace" of the Order, who is on air raid

War Photographs Exhibition.—I found the Grafton Galleries humming with industry yesterday. All day long British soldiers had been carrying in and hanging the wonderful photographs which will be on exhibition to the public next Monday.

Sambo's Surprise.—Interested crowds collected outside the galleries to watch the photographs taken inside. I was amused at the excitement of a little black child when she saw a photograph of a British "Tommy" carrying a black baby across a river.

The King's Comptroller.—That busy man, Sir Douglas Dawson, finds it so difficult to get away from his duties at St. James' Palace that he has let his place on the Thames at Medmenham to Mr. Alfred Farquhar, I hear. Mr. Farquhar is the noted shot.

A Duchess on Suffrage.—The Duchess of Somerset spoke very amusingly of her views on women in politics yesterday, when I went to hear about the Wyndham Day Nursery she is interested in. "I was always dead against women's interference," she said, "but since I've seen the way women have come to the nation's help I've changed my views."

Likes the Suburbs.—Lady Llangattock, Lady Sydenham and others of the duchess's friends came in to hear the Hon. Mrs. Eustace Hills speak about day nurseries—"my hobby," she called them. Mrs. Hills, who is Lord Shuttleworth's daughter, says she is more used to talking to suburban mothers.

An Experiment.—I looked in at a food demonstration at the George Williams House of the Y.M.C.A., where I found a meatless and wheatless four-course lunch being tried. It was estimated to cost only 84d. a head, and it certainly showed what could be done.

Betrothed.—Mr. Eric Hubbard, second son of the Hon. Evelyn Hubbard, and therefore closely related to Lord Addington, is to be married in March to Miss Sylvia Morris.

Diplomat Engaged.—His English friends are showering good wishes on Mr. Franklin Gunther, the popular First Secretary of the United States Embassy. And why? Because ere long he is to marry Miss Louise Bronson Hunnewell, of Massachusetts.

Prince Better.—I notice that Prince Albert is much better. He was at "Valentine" the other night, and seemed to enjoy thoroughly Mr. Lambelet's bright music.

Quiet Stageland.—There is not much doing in stageland. Most managers seem satisfied with the successes they have got. The theatres are doing well—with some exceptions, of course.

New Farce.—I hear, however, that Messrs. Grossmith and Laurillard are preparing to spring on us a farce which has been a success in the States. They are looking for a woman to play a typical American part, but have not found her yet.

Launching Out.—Miss Dorothy Bellow, whose engagement to an R.F.C. major *The Daily Mirror* announced a while ago, tells me she has had an offer to play the lead in a new one-act play. She is, however, very fond of "Romance."

Gold Braid.—Lady Londonderry tells me of a new school for training discharged men in making gold embroidery for uniforms and so forth. The Pensions Ministry is taking a benevolent interest in the scheme, and trained men are sure of constant and well-paid employment.

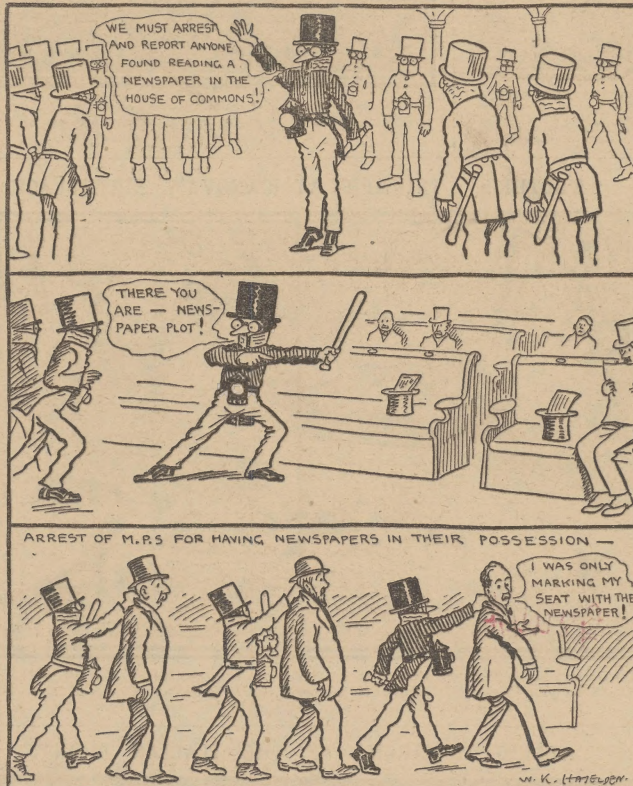
Operatives' Best Friend.—The Countess of Desart, who has just returned to Ireland, has made a great success of the wood-working industry in Kilkenny. The hands at Talbot's Inch, near the "Marble City," regard her as their best friend.

Couponing.—I found that the proportion of meat coupons given up in restaurants the first ration day curiously varied. At one City restaurant twenty-nine had been taken, while at another of equal importance a stone's throw away only four were gathered in.

Priceless.—From an advertisement I gather that a Yorkshire firm makes pork pies which "have character and individuality." How many coupons is this worth?

THE RAMBLER.

THE GREAT POLITICAL NEWSPAPER PLOT.—No. 2.



Second. Fit. Mr. G. Fawkes-Detector summons his attendants. Certainly some M.P.s will be found with newspapers about them—or in their places. Proof positive of a great newspaper plot to run and ruin the Government!—(E. W. K. Haseldent.)

enamoured of parliamentary than legal distinction.

A Future Appointment.—A veteran Judge is "tipped" by some prognosticators as the successor to Lord Justice Cozens Hardy. But my information is that the new Master of the Rolls will be a distinguished lawyer now holding a post in the Cabinet.

Home Rule All Round.—In political circles I find the demand for Federal Home Rule still vigorous, though it has not been so vocal of late. Sir Richard Cooper, who sits for Walsall, is going to be very active about it.

A Big Bill.—I had the curiosity to weigh my copy of the Income Tax Bill which the Lord Chancellor is introducing into the Lords. It weighs 1lb. 8½oz., which is more than the Home Rule Bill.

Dig, Dig, Dig.—Potatoes are in everybody's mouth, metaphorically speaking. Lady Lime-riek told me yesterday that she is an enthusiastic potatoologist and digs regularly in her own "patch."

duty with Lady Jekyll, was telling a friend how envious she was of Lady Mand Wilbraham, who shows a knack of getting into most raids. As the late Sam Lewis is supposed to have said of Rome, she "can 'ave it."

Standard Hat.—My girl cousin has been trying on a standard hat, the invention of Mrs. Hawley, already credited with the standard frock. She tells me it looks picturesque and can be made as good as new in a few moments and the wash tub.

Princess Mary's Tennis Frock.—I am also informed that Princess Mary's first standard frock is of white linen, primarily intended for playing tennis in.

Back to Revue.—It seems as if revue just could not spare Miss Shirley Kellogg. Last night I heard that she is leaving "Cheating Cheaters," much as she likes her part, so as to go into the new revue at the Hippodrome.

A New Heroine.—The difficult task of succeeding Miss Kellogg at the Strand will be essayed by Miss Edyth Goodall.

SEND THE "OVERSEAS WEEKLY MIRROR" TO FRIENDS ABROAD

A GRAVE ON THE SOMME.



A South African nurse finds the grave of her brother on the Somme battlefield and puts a wreath on it. Standing alongside is the padre, who was the boy's school teacher. The graves of the fallen in battle are always reverently tended.

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THE "BLIGHTY" SMILE.



Private Ellison, just back from Holland.

A WELL-EARNED REST.



Major the Earl of Pembroke and Montgomery (decorated for service abroad) takes a morning constitutional on the Brighton front, accompanied by some friends, attracted by the fine weather. Brighton just now has a plentiful sprinkling of visitors.

ON A MISSION



Prince Antoine Bibesco, Rumanian Legation, is leaving London shortly on a mission.



A group of repatriated men, in German prison coats and hats, talking to hospital patients. Some of the repatriated prisoners who have just arrived in London had been in captivity for over three years and saw "Blighty" for the first time a day or two ago. Their smiling faces depict the pleasure which is theirs at seeing their old home again.—(Exclusive to The Daily Mirror.)

TOY DESIGNER



Mrs. Aland Hood, who is an expert designer of toys to be made for children.

MILITARY MEDALLIST WED.



Our photograph is of Lieutenant Alexander Thomas and his bride, Miss Violet Iserbyt, who were married at Christ Church, Croydon. The bridegroom is a holder of the Military Medal.

DECORATIONS FOR SOUTH AFRICANS.



South Africans on the Somme battlefield being presented with decorations by General Lucan, who is seen with a stick under his arm.—(Official photograph.)

CHILDREN IN GAS MASKS.



The children of Alsace in possession of the French are taught by military schoolmasters for the time being. They each carry their gas mask to and from school.